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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/092,358	Applicant(s) RUOTSALAINEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Linda Wong	Art Unit 2634	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Applicant's Arguments, filed 11/07/05, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-4 under Kim have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Boutros et al (Publication: "Signal Space Diversity: A Power and Bandwidth Efficient Diversity Technique for the Rayleigh Fading Channel").

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1 and 3** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boutros et al (Publication: "Signal Space Diversity: A Power and Bandwidth Efficient Diversity Technique for the Rayleigh Fading Channel").
 - a. **Claims 1 and 3**, Boutros et al discloses a symbol generator (Fig. 2) and a modulator (Fig. 2), the symbol generator for translating a bit stream into a symbol stream based on a predetermined signal constellation (Fig. 2, label u and page 1454, right column, lines 31-33), each symbol in the symbol stream representing a predetermined even number of consecutive bits in the bit stream (Fig. 1 and page 1453, left column, lines 1-6), the modulator using a

predetermined modulation scheme to modulate a carrier signal with the symbol stream so as to provide a modulated carrier signal (page 1454, right column, section II), characterized in that the signal constellation has a dimensionality that is at least four (page 1454, right column, lines 24-26) and is a multiple of two, (page 1454, right column, lines 24-26 and lines 31-40) and, inherently, that each j symbol of the signal constellation (30) corresponds to an ordered set of at least two sets of two or more numbers, for each I and Q value of the constellation, the magnitude or coefficient or ordered set of coefficients would be the same or different (Fig. 1) and further characterized in that for each of the at least four-dimensional symbols, the modulator, inherently, modulates the carrier signal using in turn each of the at least two corresponding sets of two or more numbers, since the modulator would take each I and Q of the constellation and modulate with a carrier signal. (Fig. 2 and page 1454-1455, section II)

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 2, 4** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Linda Wong whose telephone number is 571-272-6044. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Linda Wong

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Wong', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER